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- 25X1X ☐ 1. A number of MiG-15 and type-29 planes with auxiliary fuel tanks took off from and landed at Neuruppin airfield between 2 and 2:30 p.m. on 19 January. Only individual flights were made. At about 8 a.m. on 1 February, four MiG-15s were parked at the eastern end of the runway. Sixteen or 17 swept-back jet fighters were observed on the dispersal areas.
2. During the second half of January, the gap in the fence at Wittstocker Allee was closed by a barbed wire fence about 1 meter high.
- 25X1X ☐ 3. The following observations were made at the field between 19 January and 14 February:
- 19 January. There was ground fog up to 10 a.m. Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., light air activity was observed at the field. There were no clouds.
- 20 January. No air activity was observed in foggy weather.
- 21 January. Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., swept-back jet fighters flew in or above the closed cloud base.
- 22 January. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., swept-back jet fighters took off in elements of two and flew above the clouds. There was a closed cloud base.
- 23 January. Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., air activity by MiG-15s at an altitude of about 600 meters was observed. The sky was 6/10 overcast. Night flying started after 5 p.m. and continued at 8 p.m.
- 24 January. Between 10 a.m. and noon, there was light air activity. About noon, it began to rain.
- 25 January. No air activity was observed. The alert flight of four MiG-15s was parked at the eastern end of the runway.
- 26 January. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., there was a 9/10 overcast.
- 27 January. There was no air activity in rainy and foggy weather.

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30 January. Intensive air activity was observed. There was a closed cloud base at an altitude of 500 to 600 meters and gusty wind.

31 January. Between 9:30 and 11 a.m., a few flights were made. There was a closed ceiling.

6 February. About 100 soldiers removed the snow from the runway. At 2 p.m., four MiG-15s of the alert flight, guarded by two sentries, were parked south of the east end of the runway.

8 February. No air activity was performed at 9:15 a.m.

11 and 12 February. No air activity was observed. During the night of 10 to 11 February, it had snowed. The snow cover which was 20 to 25 cm deep was rolled and the runway was marked by small fir trees on both sides.

13 February. At about 10 a.m., there was light air activity by aircraft which flew individually for about one hour and one Po-2 plane which circled over the field. Visibility was limited to 2 km. There was a closed cloud base at an altitude of about 400 meters.

14 February. There was intensive air activity at 7:15 a.m. Double sentries patrolled around the field. At 2 p.m., 15 aircraft were observed parked on the landing field at irregular intervals. The alert planes were also dispersed on a large space. At 2:30 p.m., 24 MiG-15s including 10 with auxiliary fuel tanks were counted on the field and aloft.

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5. The following observations were made at the field between 28 January and 10 February:

28 January. At about 9:30 p.m., it was observed that night flying was practiced by swept-back jet fighters. There was a closed cloud base at an altitude of 300 to 400 meters and light rain. Only one plane was aloft at a time. It landed without switching its landing lights, while the runway was dimly lighted.

29 January. Between noon and 5 p.m., individual flights were made by MiG-15 and type-29 planes. There was a closed cloud base at an altitude of 300 to 400 meters and light rain. After taking off, the planes zoomed into the clouds. Night flying started at 6 p.m. and still continued at 10 p.m.

30 January. After 9 a.m., source observed that aircraft took off individually and in elements of two. There was a closed cloud base and a visibility of 10 km.

Air activity performed included individual flying, local flying, high altitude flights and firing at ground targets north of Storbeck.

31 January. No air activity was observed. There was a closed cloud base at a medium altitude. It rained after 1 p.m.

1 February. No air activity was observed throughout the day. The sky was overcast and there were snowshowers and rain.

2 February. Between 12:45 and 4:45 p.m., individual flights were made by aircraft

There was a closed cloud base at a medium altitude and visibility of more than 10 km. Night flying started at 5:30 p.m. and still continued at 9 p.m.

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3 February: Between 10:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., swept-back jet fighters with auxiliary fuel tanks practiced individual flights and blind flying. There was a closed cloud base. It snowed occasionally.

4 February: In the afternoon, four MiG-15s and type-29 planes individually flew in or above the clouds for about 45 minutes. The closed ceiling was at an altitude of about 1,000 meters.

5 February: Between 9 a.m. and noon, individual flights were made by aircraft [redacted] In the morning, there was a 8/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. There was a heavy snowshower at 12:45 p.m. The weather became better after 4 p.m. Air activity was discontinued at noon.

6 February: Shortly after 6 a.m., the engines of some planes were started. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., individual flights were made by MiG-15 and type-29 planes [redacted] There was a 8/10 overcast and a visibility of 10 km. 25X1

7 February: Aircraft [redacted] and 732 Y practiced firing at ground targets in the area north of Storbeck. Air activity discontinued at about 1:30 p.m. 25X1

8 February: No air activity was observed throughout the day. There were no clouds. At 8 a.m., there was ground haze and a temperature of 19 degrees centigrades below zero.

9 February: No flights were made. There was a 3/10 overcast and very cold weather.

10 February: No air activity was observed. There was a closed cloud base, visibility of about 3 km, and 2 degrees centigrades above zero. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Po-2s practiced flying in formations of three.

6. On 6 February, source observed that the gap in the fence along Wittstocker Allee was closed by a barbed wire fence. Truck [redacted] was observed entering and leaving the field. 25X1

1. [redacted] Comment. Neuruppin airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment. No change was observed in the occupation strength and the air activity at the field. The frequent flights in and above the clouds may indicate that many pilots have reached an advanced status of training. Flying with Po-2 planes was practiced by young pilots who had arrived at the field in the fall of 1952. 25X1A

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